



## Frederick County Commission For Women

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## Frederick County Commission for Women: Public Meeting

October 11, 2022

7:00pm

Winchester Hall

### COMMISSIONERS

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### I. Roll Call of Commissioners and Introduction of Guests

### II. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

### III. Guest Presentation(s)

### IV. Committee Reports

#### A. Executive Committee

##### 1. Date for November meeting changed to November 1

#### B. Outreach – Chair, Lakshmi

##### 1. Events

- Asian American Center Health Fair – Saturday, October 15 10-3:30 at Frederick High School
- Heartly House Walk a Mile in Her Shoes - Sunday, October 23, 2022, at 10:00 AM in the Baker Park Gazebo
- Volunteers still needed for each event to table  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4fa4a929a6fc1-october>

##### 2. New Email Address – [CFWFrederick@gmail.com](mailto:CFWFrederick@gmail.com)

- Still working on all functionalities, but should allow for document retention/storage as well as more streamlined communications

#### C. Voter Outreach and Education –

1. Read out on Voter Registration training
2. Update on what we'll need to do in order to have materials at our events

#### D. Raving About Women Annual Awards –

3. Save the Date! The RAW Awards will be March 9, 2023 6-9pm at The Arc at Market Street.
4. Review of contract for space at the Arc
5. Nominations for award recipients to go live in November
  1. Request for Awards Committee members
  2. Overview of the awards that will be presented and the solicitation timeline

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### E. Recruitment –

1. Review of applicants and vacancies
2. Will go into closed session at the end of meeting to vote on potential new member

### F. SheLeads –

- i. First Meeting Delayed
- ii. Report on Number of participants and possible attendance at MLAW conference

### G. Legislative Committee

#### 1. Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, October 11 at 5:30 pm: County Council
- Thursday, October 13 at 11:00 am: County Public Info Briefing
- Tuesday, October 18 at 5:30 pm: County Council
- Thursday, October 13 at 11:00 am: County Public Info Briefing
- Wednesday, October 19 at 5:30 pm: Board of Health meeting
- Thursday, October 20 at 11:00 am: County Public Info Briefing
- Thursday, October 20 at 5:00 pm: The Maryland Commission for Women
- Tuesday, October 25 at 5:30 pm: County Council
- Thursday, October 26 at 6:00 pm: Police Accountability Board
- Thursday, October 27 at 11:00 am: County Public Info Briefing
- Tuesday, November 1 at 5:30 pm: County Council
- **Tuesday, November 8: Election Day**
- Tuesday, November 8 at 5:30 pm: County Council
- Tuesday, November 1 at 5:30 pm: County Council
- **Saturday, November 12th: MLAW conference**
- Thursday, November 17 at 5:00 pm: The Maryland Commission for Women
- Monday, December 5 at 10:00 am: County Council and County Executive Swearing in Ceremony

#### 2. Frederick County Legislative Priorities:

Last month, the Frederick County Commission for Women sent letters to the Frederick County Council requesting that the Council include in their legislative proposal request for the '23 General Assembly protection for women's privacy and reproductive rights as well as support for a bill to increase marriage fees in Frederick County to support domestic violence services. A similar letter was sent to the County Executive.

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The Frederick County Council approved its legislative package for the 2023 General Assembly, and the package included only one legislative proposal– the marriage fee bill supported by the Commission.

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### 3. Budget

In the past, the CFW was a stand-alone agency and requested appropriations directly from the County Executive. Last summer, the CFW became part of the Citizen Services Division. This month, the Division will begin discussions for budget preparation for FY '24.

The legislative committee stands ready to assist as needed.

### 4. MLAW

The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) Fall Conference will be on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm in Silver Spring. The CFW should send commissioners to attend (\$35) or become members (\$40 and includes attendance). Additionally, we should consider sponsoring the event at the \$100 or \$200 levels (comes with 1 or 2 tickets, respectively).

The Legislative Committee may be interested in the CFW hosting a lunch reception after the conference in an effort to get to know legislators. Invitees would include CFW commissioners, the Frederick Delegation, the president of the MD Commission for Women, and others.

Terri has investigated a few lunch options. Please let us know your thoughts.

### 5. Abortion and Reproductive Freedom Developments: Legislative update:

**Maryland:** Maryland remains a state where abortion access is protected, although not yet enshrined in the state constitution (Note – the Maryland General Assembly has not been in session since April and will not return until January).

**In the 100 days** following the overturn of Roe v. Wade, the following abortion law changes occurred across the nation:

- **9 states** have passed laws protecting and expanding the right to abortion access: Vermont, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Hawaii, California, Oregon, Washington, and Minnesota.

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- **3 states**—California, Oregon and New York—went further and passed abortion access initiatives explicitly designed to help people traveling to those states seeking care from other states.

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- The **U.S. House of Representatives** passed two abortion rights bills: the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA) and the Ensuring Women's Right to Reproductive Freedom Act.

- The **White House** has taken 20 executive actions designed to protect abortion access, including the Justice Department's lawsuit against Idaho's abortion ban, arguing that it violates the federal requirement to provide life-saving medical care.

- **Kansas** overwhelmingly defeated a state-wide referendum seeking to amend the state constitution to include a total abortion ban on August 2, 2022.

- An **Arizona** judge upheld a statute that existed prior to Roe v. Wade banning abortion, and on September 2022 the 15-week Arizona ban went into place.

- **Indiana** passed a near-total abortion ban on September 15, 2022, but it is currently blocked.

- **West Virginia** passed a near-total abortion ban. This change particularly impacts Frederick County; given our contiguous geographic location vis a vis West Virginia, we can expect an influx of West Virginia women seeking abortion access in Maryland, now that it is foreclosed in their state.

### V. CLOSED SESSION TO REVIEW COMMISSIONER APPLICATIONS FOR RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT

### VI. Commission Business - Old Business

### VII. Commission Business - New Business

### VIII. Commissioner and Guest Announcements

#### A. Information from MD Commission for Women: Establishment of the National Mental Health Hotline

- i. For help when it's needed, call or text the National Maternal Mental Health Hotline 1-833-9-HELP4MOMS or (1-833-943-5746)
- ii. TTY Users can use a preferred relay service or dial 711 and then 1-833-943-5746.

#### B. National Suicide Lifeline – 9-8-8 is now live Nationwide as an alternative to calling 9-1-1 for those in a mental health crisis.

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## IX. Adjournment

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